

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian Ministry

**Our Mission: Eliminate Poverty Housing** 



Every Family on Earth Should Have, As a Minimum, a Simple, Decent Affordable Place to Live

# Habitat History



- Habitat was started in 1976 by Millard Fuller in Americas Ga.
- Today, over 2,300 active affiliates in 100 countries worldwide
- 18th largest builder in the world
- 35 affiliates throughout South Carolina
- Oldest SC affiliate: Sea Island Habitat on John's Island in 1978

Every 21 Minutes, 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week Somewhere in the World a New Homeowner Is Handed the Keys To a Habitat Home!

# Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity



- Started in 1985
- Responsible for Richland and Lexington counties
- Over 200 houses built to date

Our Goal: Build 20 or more houses every year!

# How do we Keep Costs Down?



- Minimize Labor Costs by Building Houses with Volunteers And Future Homeowners
- Secure Funding And Materials Through Donations
- Provide Interest Free Mortgages
  To Our Families

Cost of CSC Habitat House is \$55,000

84% of CSC Habitat Revenue Goes to Fund our Programs

# Qualifying for a House

## \*3 CRITERIA\*

- Need for Simple, Decent, and Affordable Housing.
- Ability to Pay a 25 to 30 Year, Interest-free Mortgage.
- Willingness to Partner With Our Ministry By:
  - Helping Build Houses for Others
  - Helping Build Your Own House
  - Participating in Our Family Support Program

## Partnership NOT Entitlement

# Future Homeowner Responsibilities



## 350 Hours of Participation Including:

- Home Construction, Community Service
- 12 Family Support Education Sessions
- 6 to 8 Financial Workshops
- Accumulate \$1200 Deposit Toward Mortgage

More Than 96% of Our Home Owners Have Upheld Their Habitat Responsibilities!

# Topics included in Family Support Education Sessions

- Neighborhood Associations
- Neighbor Relations
- Community Organizing
- Keeping a Clean House
- Termite Bonds
- Pest Control
- Yard Care
- Environmental Awareness
- Stress Management
- Property Taxes & Reassessments
- Zoning Laws
- Knowing your Government

- Property Lines
- Crime Watch and Prevention
- Estate Planning
- Homeowner's Insurance
- First Aid
- Health Issues
- Nutrition
- Shopping and Cooking on a Budget
- Fire Prevention and Escape Plans
- Cooking Safety
- Fire Extinguishers and Smoke
- Detectors

# **Building Approaches**



- Blitz Build
   Multiple houses built in 8 days
- Mini Blitz 3 day "dry-in", followed by Consecutive Saturdays
- Standard Build
   Consecutive Saturdays

# Types Of Houses





## Well-built Homes Up to 1100 Square Feet

- 2, 3 and 4 Bedrooms
- "Simple, Decent and Affordable"

## Two Styles of Houses Normally Built

- Other Styles Available for Special Circumstances (for Example: Disability Considerations)

## Benefits to Families

- Decent, affordable family housing for those in need
- Enhanced life skills
- Pride of ownership
- Positive, safe environment for children



Statistics Show Children Improve 1 to 2 Letter Grades Within 6 Weeks of Occupancy

# Involvement Opportunities for Donors and Volunteers

- Housing
- Habitat Retail Store
- Habitat Harvest Teams
- Building Material Donations
- Other Opportunities

Just Pick an Area of Interest and Call Us at 803-252-3570.

# Housing Opportunities



## **Financial**

- House Sponsorship
  - Full House \$55,000
  - Partial (\$50 Per Sq Foot)
- Individual Cash Contributions
- Payroll Deduction Contributions
- Fund-raising Support

## **Physical Sponsor**

Volunteer Labor to
 Build Houses

## **In-kind Donations**

- Materials
- Professional Services



- Donate Items
- Visit and Shop
- Volunteer
- Tell a Friend



# 483 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia



## Habitat Harvest Teams



"Harvesting" Items From Commercial Buildings or Houses Scheduled to be Demolished

- Used in Habitat Homes or Sold in the Re-sale Store
- Gathered by Teams of Volunteers
- Includes Everything from Light Fixtures to Hardwood Floors.

Harvesting These Materials Keeps Them Out of Our Landfills and Helps Raise Money to Build More Homes.

# Other Opportunities

- Fund-raising Drives
- Special Events
  - Meals
  - · Child Care

Office Assistance

Committees / Special Projects



# Blitz Build Progress

Day 1



Day 8

Fall Blitz 2005: October 8 Through 15

# Home Dedication Day



Happy New Homeowners!

# Help us Reach our 3 Year Goal!



Community Builder 21+ Houses Per Year



Neighborhood Builder 10 –20 Houses Per Year

We Need Your Help !!!!!

## Some Ways You Can Help Habitat

### **Financial Assistance**

- -Full House Sponsorship \$55,000
- -Partial Sponsorship \$50 per sq foot
- -Individual Cash Contributions

## **Physical Sponsors**

-Volunteer Labor to build Houses

#### **In-Kind Donations**

- -Materials
- -Professional Services (Plumbing, Electrical work)

### **Habitat Harvest Teams**

-Help "harvest" items from commercial buildings or Houses being demolished

### **Habitat Re-Store**

- -Donate household items
- -Visit and Shop in Store
- -Volunteer in Store
- -Donate surplus merchandise

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